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## **Brooke Hardin Named to Lead City's Community Development and Planning Department**

**FAIRFAX, Va.** —The City of Fairfax announces the appointment of Brooke Hardin as the city's director of the Community Development and Planning Department. Hardin, who has served as the city's Planning Division chief since 2011, will begin his role immediately.

He spent nearly a decade with the City of Richmond, Virginia, finishing his service as that city's deputy director of Planning and Development Review Department. He also worked in economic development for Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

As the City of Fairfax Planning Division chief, Hardin's responsibilities ranged from updating the city's *Comprehensive Plan*, the city's overall guide for development, to overseeing the current rewrite of the city's zoning ordinance, which determines how land may be used within the city limits.

Hardin, who lives in the city, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in government and politics from George Mason University and a Masters of Science degree in urban and regional planning from Virginia Tech.

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***(Hardin to Lead Community Development and Planning Department, continued)***

On selecting Hardin as the Community Development and Planning Department director, City Manager Robert Sisson said, “The city is fortunate to have Mr. Hardin as the Community Development and Planning director. His prior experience as Planning Division chief has provided him the background to be uniquely well-qualified and well-informed regarding the city’s land use opportunities and challenges.”

The City of Fairfax Community Development and Planning Department provides oversight for all city land use — residential, planned development, commercial or industrial uses — including zoning, planning, design review, site plans and demographics.

Hardin replaces David Hudson, who retired in December 2013 after nearly 30 years of service with the city.